

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (canceled).
2. (original): A printer comprising:
 - a print start detector configured to detect that a print start signal, which indicates a start of a transmission of printing data, is received from a computer;
 - a data buffer configured to temporary store the printing 15 data received from the computer;
 - a print finish detector configured to detect that a print finish signal, which indicates a finish of the transmission of the printing data, is received from the computer; and
 - a clearer configured to clear the printing data stored in the data buffer when the print start signal is received again from the computer or another computer after the print start detector has detected the print start signal and before the print finish detector detects the print finish signal.
3. (original): The printer according to claim 2 wherein the printer does not have a cable detector which directly detects that a printer cable connected to the computer is unplugged.

4. (original): The printer according to claim 2 wherein the print start signal is a device ID request which the computer transmits for confirming a model of the printer.

5. (original): The printer according to claim 2 wherein the print start signal is a predetermined string which the computer transmits for confirming a model of the printer.

6. (original): The printer according to claim 2 wherein the print start signal is a cable plug/unplug effective command which the computer transmits before a start of the transmission of the printing data, and the print finish signal is a cable plug/unplug ineffective command which the computer transmits after a finish of the printing data.

7. (original): The printer according to claim 6 further comprising a packet receiving detector configured to detect that the printer is receiving any packet, wherein the clearer clears the printing data stored in the data buffer if the packet receiving detector detects that the printer is receiving the packet even when the print start signal is received.

8. (original): The printer according to claim 7 wherein a plurality of logical channels are established between the computer and the printer, and the cable plug/unplug effective command and the cable plug/unplug ineffective command are transmitted and received by using at least one of the logical channels.

9. - 14. (canceled).

15. (original): The printer according to claim 2 wherein the printer does not have a power switch for a user to turn ON/OFF a power supply and does not have a control panel for the user to operate for clearing the printing data stored in the data buffer.

16. - 20. (canceled).

21. (previously presented): A printer control method comprising the steps of:
detecting that a print start signal, which indicates a start of a transmission of printing data, is received from a computer;
temporarily storing the printing data received from the computer in a data buffer;
detecting that a print finish signal, which indicates a finish of the transmission of the printing data, is received from the computer; and
clearing the printing data stored in the data buffer when the print start signal is received again from the computer or another computer after detecting the print start signal and before detecting the print finish signal.

22. (canceled).